

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Independent Claims 1 and 9 are amended to state that the cellulose resin includes an ester bond. Support for the amendment is found in original Claims 2 and 10. Independent Claims 1 and 9 are further amended for clarity to state that the antireflection layer is disposed directly on the support. The amendment is made responsive to the Office's suggestion. Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-16 are active in the present application. Claims 2 and 10 are canceled claims. Claims 6 and 14 are amended to replace the term "a radiation" with the term "ultraviolet rays". Support for the amendment is found on page 14.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Office for acknowledging that Claims 2-4, 6-7, 10-12, and 14-15 are not rejected in view of any prior art.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Office is of the opinion that the term “high refractive index layer” is vague and indefinite because the claims lack the presence of any “low refractive index layer”. Applicants submit that this is not correct. The term high refractive index layer serves as an identifier of a particular layer recited in the claims. The Office’s assertion that the term “high” necessarily implies some relative language is true only in the sense that it may be a comparison with the refractive index of the adhesive layer.

At the outset, the specification even provides an explicit definition for the term high refractive index (see page 10). Even if the term “high” is interpreted in a relative manner, Applicants submit that relative claim language is not necessarily indefinite and/or vague. Applicants draw the Office’s attention to MPEP § 2173.05(b). Therefore, even if the Office is of the opinion that the objected to term is a relative term, the presence of an explicit definition for this term in the specification is evidence that should be given substantial weight to a determination that this term of the claim is not vague and/or indefinite.

The term is therefore not indefinite for one or more of (i) the term may be used as an identifier of a particular layer without signifying any relative degree of refractive index for comparative purposes and/or (ii) the specification provides an explicit definition of the relative portion of the objected to term.

The Office also objected to the phrase “is formed by conducting transfer using the antireflection film for transfer” of Claims 8 and 16. Applicants draw the Office’s attention to the original specification which provides an explicit definition for the term transfer (see page 9, lines 10-13):

The term "transfer" as used herein is intended to mean that the antireflection layer on a support is stuck to other objects via the adhesive layer.

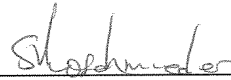
In view of the fact that the original specification provides an explicit definition for the term "transfer" Applicants submit that the Office's objection is baseless and should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims obviates the rejections and places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the amendment does not raise any new issues for consideration because the Office has already acknowledged that the subject matter now included in the independent claims is patentable over the prior art of record and the amendment corrects merely matters of form.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of all now-pending claims.

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